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Overall Project Work

This period we saw some staff changes: we welcomed Martine Oudenhoven and Gwen Franck, and our two other new officers, Dr Simone Sacchi and Vasso Kalaitzi began work on 1 and 6 February.

This period we submitted a tender for a study on open access to publications and research data management and sharing within ERC projects. We are still awaiting the results of this tender. The two year FOSTER+ project that LIBER has been involved in for a total of 12 person months will start on 1 May 2017, and so will the continuation of our current AARC project AARC2, in which LIBER only has a small input to further disseminate the project outcomes to libraries.

Project Work in this Period

AARC

Gema Buena de la Fuente was succeeded by Martine Oudenhoven as LIBER officer for the AARC project on federated authentication and authorisation. The project is reaching its final stage as it finishes in April 2017. During October 2016 – January 2017, LIBER has been working on several tasks under the Work Package NA2 on Training and Dissemination. The work package leader has been replaced and the new WP leader is focused on using this final stage of the project to wrap things up and lay a good foundation for the dissemination of AARC2. A meeting with the new WP lead and a plenary meeting in CERN (Geneva) have taken place where this approach has been discussed.

As part of NA2, LIBER is working on a second version of a factsheet about federated access for libraries, and contributing to an online 'support kit' on federated authorization and authentication for libraries. This will include the above mentioned factsheet, a set of Q&A's and a sheet on three pilots that AARC has run and that libraries can try themselves. LIBER is working on the design of this 'pilot sheet' and integration of this sheet in the website.

LIBER is also in charge of coordinating the subtask on liaising activities with other projects and communities that has helped to identify potential engagement with other partners. Currently, this is mainly focused on identifying events that are interesting for AARC to join.

LIBER Libraries involved in the Project:

1. [The Moravian Library](#), Brno, Czech Republic
2. [KIT Library](#), Karlsruhe, Germany

EUDAT

Due to a lack of resources LIBER wasn't able to spend a lot of effort on EUDAT in this period. We did work on the follow up of the guideline deliverable that was submitted before the summer, which is due in summer 2017. The internal report that LIBER produced as part

of the Task 4.1 Scientific Communities Environments and Requirements was very well received; we are looking into publishing this as a standalone resource for libraries on Research Data Management, maybe in co-operation with the LEARN project. The EUDAT video produced by LIBER in October 2016 was very well received. From February on our two new officers, Simone Sacchi and Vasso Kalaitzi, will both work part-time on EUDAT: Simone will focus on the Policies work package and Vasso on the Dissemination work package.

LIBER Libraries involved in the project:

1. [University of Helsinki / The National Library of Finland](#), Helsinki, Finland
2. [Uppsala University Library](#), Uppsala, Sweden
3. [Lund University Libraries](#), Lund, Sweden
4. [Main Library, University of Edinburgh](#), Edinburgh, United Kingdom

European Open Science Cloud Pilot

The kick off meeting of the European Open Science Cloud Pilot was held on January 17 and 18 in Amsterdam. LIBER will be co-lead of the Engagement and Communications work package, and has a large task in the Training Work package as well. From February on, Simone Sacchi and Vasso Kalaitzi will work on this project. The first milestone for LIBER is due at the end of March 2017: the draft Stakeholder Identification & Engagement Strategy Plan.

LIBER Libraries involved in the project:

1. [KIT Library](#), Karlsruhe, Germany
2. [Main Library, University of Edinburgh](#), Edinburgh, United Kingdom
3. [Georg August Universität, Göttingen](#), Göttingen, Germany
4. [European Molecular Biology Laboratory](#), Heidelberg, Germany
5. [Jisc](#), London, United Kingdom
6. [University of Manchester](#), Manchester, United Kingdom

FUTURE TDM

FutureTDM is now in phase two of the project, moving from gathering evidence to making policy recommendations. LIBER has been providing the library perspective to partners involved in making these proposals, as well as feeding in what we have learned from our knowledge cafes and workshop into the related deliverables (2.3, 5.1). Indeed, we have been one of the most hands on partners in providing such support.

As leaders of the stakeholder engagement work package, we liaise very closely with the dissemination work package and have been instigating a lot of the project's outputs in terms of raising profile and visibility. We continued our run of high profile video interviews by attending the Brussels EU Hackathon held at Google HQ where, along with academic and technical interviewees, Melanie Imming talked with MEP Therese Comodini-Cachia, who is leading the European copyright reform negotiations. We were very pleased that MEP Comodini Cachia provided us with a clip on the importance of libraries to the copyright debate.

We have been leading the way on social media in this project, tweeting almost daily and in this reporting period writing three blogs for the platform, and arranging for an additional three guest blogs. We also secured an interview with open-access publishers Frontiers for the quarterly newsletter.

We were pleased to welcome a visit from Taiwan research institute NarLABS who had contacted us having heard about the project's stakeholder engagement activities. We presented our work at FutureTDM to them and talked through potential collaborative opportunities.

Much of the start of the year has been spent in preparation for the next FutureTDM workshop, which we hope will take place at the European Parliament in March 2017. LIBER is tasked with the organization of this event, which will showcase the project's recommendations at a very timely moment in EU copyright reform negotiations.

LIBER Libraries involved in the project:

1. [Radboud University Library](#), Nijmegen, Netherlands
2. [The British Library](#), London, United Kingdom
3. [University of Amsterdam](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands

LEARN

[LEARN](#) started in June 2015 and, as a two-year project, is now in its final months. In the period from October 2016 to January 2017, the following activities have taken place.

Two workshops were the focus of much of LEARN's work in this period.

The first, on 27 October in Santiago de Chile, was hosted by project partner ECLAC and attracted 90 participants from around the world. Titled 'Implementation of policies and strategies in Latin America and the Caribbean', it gave participants an opportunity to learn about Latin American experiences in Research Data Management, including policy development and implementation. LIBER supported the workshop from a distance, by helping to publicise it, setting up registration pages, publishing information on the LEARN website and compiling the post-workshop survey.

The second workshop in this period was also the fifth and final workshop organised by LEARN. It took place in Barcelona on 26 January and attracted approximately 75 participants. LIBER attended this workshop and played an active role in its promotion, by taking photos and videos, and contributing to the Twitter feed coming out of the Workshop. As with the Santiago de Chile workshop, LIBER also helped with the organisation and promotion of the event ahead of time.

This fits in with LIBER's role in the project as leader of WP2, the work package on Dissemination and Communication. LIBER is responsible for the web content management and maintenance, promotional materials, social communications (Twitter account and LinkedIn group), and promoting the work done by LEARN project partners. LIBER is also about to submit a Deliverable (D2.2) focusing on translations of an Executive Briefing of the LERU Roadmap. The various translations will shortly be turned into printable PDFs by LIBER for promotion and distribution. At the end of January, LIBER will present the activities of WP2 at LEARN's first review in Brussels.

Another core activity for LIBER in the coming months will be to help organise and promote the Final Conference for LEARN, scheduled for 5 May at Senate House Library in London. In addition, we are planning to run a LEARN Webinar (scheduled to coincide with the release of several upcoming documents such as an RDM Toolkit and a model RDM Policy), and to continue promoting the survey which allows institutions to measure how ready they are to manage research data.

LIBER Libraries involved in the project:

1. [Vienna University Library and Archives](#), Vienna, Austria
2. [CRAI Libraries University of Barcelona](#), Barcelona, Spain
3. [University College London](#), London, United Kingdom

OpenAIRE2020

We are now just three months away from the FP7 Post-Grant Open Access Pilot end-date of 30 April 2017. Since the beginning of January, Gwen Franck has taken over the Work Package lead from Pablo de Castro.

In this period LIBER presented the pilot at National OpenAIRE Workshops that were held in various countries (UK, Serbia, Denmark). The Pilot has also shared an up-to-date dataset for the APC payments it has made thus far with the OpenAPC initiative run at Universität Bielefeld in order to improve transparency on the height of APC's. In December we organized a workshop for the 11 funded bids in the parallel call for funding APC-free Open Access journals in The Hague. The event featured a series of presentations where funded bids reported on the areas they were working on, and on the progress achieved thus far in the implementation of the technical improvement plans that were submitted for funding last summer, which was useful for the other funded bids.

The call for bids for a market analysis report on Open Access publishing was granted to Research Consulting Limited. This report is one of the key outputs of our Work Package, and it will analyse the results of this post-grant funding initiative in the framework of an evolving Open Access publishing landscape. A first draft version has been shared with an Open Access Steering Group. The report will be discussed in a workshop that will take place on 20 April in The Hague. The input received at this workshop will feed into a roadmap for a sustainable and competitive market for open access publishing due in May 2017, together with the report.

LIBER Libraries involved in the project:

1. [Couperin](#), Paris, France
2. [Georg August Universität, Göttingen](#), Göttingen, Germany
3. [Konstanz University Library](#), Konstanz, Germany
4. [Bielefeld University Library](#), Bielefeld, Germany
5. [University and National Library Debrecen](#), Debrecen, Hungary
6. [Latvia University Library](#), Riga, Latvia
7. [Library University of Luxembourg](#), Luxembourg
8. [Malta University Library](#), Msida, Malta
9. [TU Delft Library](#), Delft, Netherlands
10. [University of Amsterdam Library](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands
11. [Oslo University Library](#), Oslo, Norway
12. [University of Warsaw Library](#), Warsaw, Poland
13. [University of Minho – Documentation Services](#), Minho, Portugal
14. [Slovak Centre of Scientific and Technical Information](#), Bratislava, Slovakia
15. [National Library of Sweden](#), Stockholm, Sweden
16. [Izmir Institute of Technology](#), Izmir, Turkey

OpenMinTeD

In November, Martine Oudenhoven took over the work of Hege van Dijke for OpenMinTeD. The project had its first formal review in Brussels on 24 January. LIBER was strongly involved in this review as lead of the workpackage on community engagement and sustainability and an active partner in the training workpackage. Overall, the reviewers were very positive about the project, what it had accomplished and the creative spirit of the project. They felt that partners were not just doing their job, but were feeling as if they were fulfilling a need and providing real solutions within the options. Next to praise for the technical work,

they were impressed by the dissemination activities and called them 'phenomenal'. They also appreciated the discussion that was going on in the project about the position of the project in relation to other projects and infrastructures.

During this period LIBER has been working on improving the web presence of the project. This included adding more accessible texts to the website, helping project members to make most of their blogposts, writing blogposts and changing the navigation structure of the website. In total eight new blogposts came online in this period. LIBER also started a story-campaign with movies of text and data miners that help to give an understanding of the importance of text and data mining. These movies are currently being released one by one and disseminated through social media.

An important project development was the release of a Knowledge Base with educational material about text and data mining. LIBER was active in adding most of the resources to this base. In the future, more guides and trainings will be available here.

Another big development was the release of the beta version of the platform in the second half of January. This platform allows visitors to browse through resources and to share their own components and corpora for text and data mining. In later versions, more tools and services will be available on this platform and it is expected to be a 'hub' for text and data miners and content providers. LIBER contributed to the platform by providing the main headings and other text and keeping an eye on the relation of this platform to the OpenMinTeD website.

The next plenary meeting will take place in February in Lausanne. Among the points to be discussed are the position of the project in relation to other projects, and the second phase of the community engagement and dissemination plan which is currently being updated.

LIBER Libraries involved in the project:

1. [University of Amsterdam Library](#), Amsterdam, Netherlands
2. [EPFL Library](#), Lausanne, Switzerland
3. [John Rylands University Library](#), Manchester, United Kingdom
4. [Sheffield University Library](#), Sheffield, United Kingdom
5. [The Open University Library](#), Milton Keynes, United Kingdom

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